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JOLIET PASSENGER DEPOT  
I&M Canal National Heritage Corridor  
101 East Clinton Street  
Joliet  
Will County  
Illinois

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(Fitzgerald's Furniture)  
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Location: I & M Canal National Heritage Corridor  
101 East Clinton Street  
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UTM: 16 E.41006 N.4597520  
Quad: Joliet

Date of Construction: 1881

Builder: Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad

Present Owner: Fitzgerald's Furniture

Present Use: Commercial

Significance: This passenger depot, built in 1881 of native limestone, served Joliet for thirty-one years.

Project Information: The Illinois and Michigan Canal was designated a National Heritage Corridor in 1984. The following year HABS/HAER embarked on an extensive inventory and documentation project of the 100 mile-long corridor. Field work for this project was concluded in 1988. Final editing of the documentation was completed in 1992.

Historians: Carolyn Brown and Joseph DeRose, 1986.

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In 1881 the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad constructed this passenger depot near Joliet's downtown. Featuring native limestone walls and a timber-frame interior, this depot was used until 1912 when Union Station, which united the several passenger railroads serving Joliet into a single station, was completed. In recent years, the old Elgin, Joliet & Eastern depot has been occupied by the Fitzgerald Furniture Company.

The two-and-one-half-story limestone building measures 125' x 60'. The station had a pyramidal roof with gable and turreted dormer, limestone bearing walls, interior timber frame, and stone foundation.

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